

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants also note that the Examiner has not returned the PTO-1449 form (2 sheets) submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 24, 2001. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the above-noted PTO-1449 form and return the initialed and signed form with the next Office paper.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,704. Without acquiescing to the position taken by the Examiner, Applicants note that in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants are filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, thereby overcoming the above-noted rejection. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is kindly requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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